



**Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut  
Technical Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 08, 2012**

**1:00 – 3:00 PM**

**BEST**

**101 East River Drive, East Hartford, CT  
Conference Room 1002**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Lori Reed-Fourquet (eHealthSign, LLC)

**HITE-CT:**

John DeStefano (CTO), Christine Kraus, Nancy Coccagna, Peter Armstrong, Ed Tierney

**ATTENDING:**

Peter Courtway, Dean Myshrall (DAS), Adam Greenburg (Danbury Hospital), Allison Bosse (Sound Community Services), Robert Napoli (Lawrence and Memorial Hospital), Dan Herens (Wheeler Clinic), Ed VanBaak (Asylum Hill), Michelle Ruby (CHR Health), Angela DeWeese (Axway), Uma Kutty (DPH)

**CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:**

The meeting was called to order with introductions at 1:00 PM.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 8/9/12, 9/13/12, AND 10/11/12 MEETING MINUTES**

The approval of meeting minutes has been postponed to the next meeting pending a quorum.

**DIRECT MARKETPLACE FRAMEWORK**

We are currently on hold with the Direct project, yet we need to make headway going forward. We are reviewing lessons learned from other states with regard to implementation of Direct. Many states are currently using Direct with more than one vendor. The document sharing framework within the states needs to define the technical requirements and policy guidelines that must be in place in order to move forward with the future of Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP) and patient-centered secure data. The technology and policy must be in place for the future of HITSP for the use of direct secure encrypted email to transfer messages to community medical vendors in the marketplace. Currently 15 states and approximately 40 vendors are participating with test standards for states so that everyone follows the same path. The set of requirements cover a specific universal understanding so that everyone can send and receive data effortlessly and securely. More detailed information can be found regarding testing and interoperability on the following link: [WWW.interopwg.org](http://WWW.interopwg.org) Direct framework documents can be reviewed for technical and policy requirements through ONC on: <http://www.directtrust.org>. Organizations are looking to purchase technological capabilities provided by vendors. The vendors need to know what the expectations are.

Committee members were asked to review the Direct Trust framework documents before the next Technical Infrastructure meeting, at which time we will go through the documents as needed (e.g., line by line). The concept of email is common to most of us so the document should be clear.

HIE is a dynamic market and things change quickly. Please look at meaningful use level three on the ONC website. The 1.4 shows the HISP to HISP transfer of information, the LLS optional tasks, which is where we get into the menu situation for registration authority which refers to “you are who you say you are” and certificate authority. We want our documents to be specific but also want it to reflect vendor capability. We need to be realistic about our requirements.

The document is 60 pages long. It details consolidated HISP certification requirements and compares vendor responses. Our goal is to review the document and submit it to the HITE-CT Board for approval. We would like to publish this enterprise architecture blueprint by January. It would include what the vendor offers and what the service and cost would be for a basic mailbox. The document offers guidance regarding the expectations from vendors for series such as mailbox, what other states have done specifically, and how it works. It connects to other services in market place agreement using secure data standards of interoperability based on ONC standard HIPAA compliance. Testing and what a successful test looks like are offered and the policy and procedures in place for the testing are discussed. Documents need to be certified and encrypted. Direct is an email system that will replace the fax machine, which would need patient consent to transfer this private information from one medical provider to another. We welcome community involvement and engagement in the selection and decisions, so that safeguards are put in place for trust in the vendor.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no Public Comment

**ADJOURND:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

The next meeting will be held on December 13, 2012